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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UN

1. SAMUEL AND PIKE OF BRITISH EMBASSY CALLED ON ZURHELLEN
APRIL 28. O'DONOHUE AND KIMBALL ALSO PRESENT.

2. SAMUEL PASSED ZURHELLEN PAPER CONTAINING SUBSTANCE
OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM LONDON INDICATING PROSPECTS FOR
KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA ARE THREATENING AND TIME DOES
NOT SEEM TO BE ON OUR SIDE. IT IS BRITISH ASSESSMENT
THAT VOTING PATTERNS WILL CERTAINLY BE LESS FAVORABLE
THAN LAST YEAR. FURTHER, IN LONDON'S VIEW, EVEN IF WE
SUCCEED IN PASSING A MODERATELY WORDED RESOLUTION, NORTH
KOREAN FRIENDS WOULD ALSO SUCCEED IN PASSING A HOSTILE
ONE. LONDON ALSO CONCERNED THAT NORTH KOREA COULD SECURE
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PRIORITY FOR THEIR DRAFT AND THEN SHUT OFF VOTE ON OUR

RESOLUTION.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE ASSESSMENT SAMUEL INDICATED HMB HAD TWO IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS: FIRST RELATED TO POSSIBILITY OF US GETTING THE PRC TO AGREE TO WINDING UP THE UNC WHILE PRESERVING ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. ZURHELLEN INDICATED THAT WE SAW NO PROSPECT OF PRC AGREEMENT TO OUR POSITION

LINKING UNC TERMINATION TO ARMISTICE AGREEMENT PRESERVATION. MOST RECENT PUBLIC MANIFESTATION OF CHINA'S POSITION IN SUPPORT OF NK WAS CONTAINED IN COMMUNIQUE AFTER KIM IL SUNG'S VISIT WHERE CHINESE REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR TERMINATION OF UNC AND WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES.

4. SECOND QUESTION SAMUEL PUT RELATED TO POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF THE UNC. ZURHELLEN INDICATED THAT WE WOULD NOT WISH TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTIONS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO INCREASING MILITARY TENSIONS ON KOREAN PENINSULA OR TO AFFECTING CURRENT MILITARY BALANCE. IN THAT REGARD PRESERVATION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS ESSENTIAL AND, IN ABSENCE AGREEMENT BY THE OTHER SIDE, UNC TERMINATION COULD JEOPARDIZE ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. IN MORE GENERAL VEIN, ZURHELLEN INDICATED THAT WE AND ROKG, LIKE BRITISH, RECOGNIZE THAT WE FACE EXTREMELY TOUGH FIGHT AT NEXT UNGA. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE WITH ROKG AND AFTER ASSESSING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO US, WE HOPE TO BE BACK AGAIN SHORTLY TO THE KOREANS. ZURHELLEN SAID WOULD THEN BE READY TO DISCUSS OUR STRATEGY WITH THE UK AND OTHER CLOSE ALLIES.

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